

# **TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST**

**Thorne Bay Ranger District**

**Ketchikan, Alaska**

**Order No.: 10-05-54-15-03**

## **FOREST ORDER**

### **Emergency Closure for Public Safety**

#### **National Forest System Road 3013150**

Pursuant to **36 CFR 261.50(a) & (b)**, the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Road 3013150 located within and administered by the Thorne Bay Ranger District of Tongass National Forest as shown on the attached map.

1. **Person(s) are prohibited from operating Motor Vehicles, including Off Highway Vehicles (OHV's) and Over Snow Vehicles (OSV's) across Rush Creek Bridge located at mile post 0.63 on National Forest System Road 3013150.**

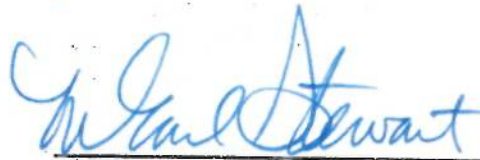
The primary goal of this order is to prevent personal injury or death resulting from a failure of the bridge structure.

Pursuant to **36 CFR 261.50(e)**, each of the following are exempt from this order:

1. **Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. 36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)**
2. **Any Federal, State or Local Officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)**
3. **Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area with an approved operating plan authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. 36 CFR 261.50(e)(5)**

These Prohibitions are in addition to the General Prohibitions in **36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A**. This Order may be made more restrictive by temporary order issued by the Regional Forester or the Forest Supervisor as needed to promote public safety, and to protect public property and resources.

Executed in Ketchikan, Alaska this 3 day of August 2015.

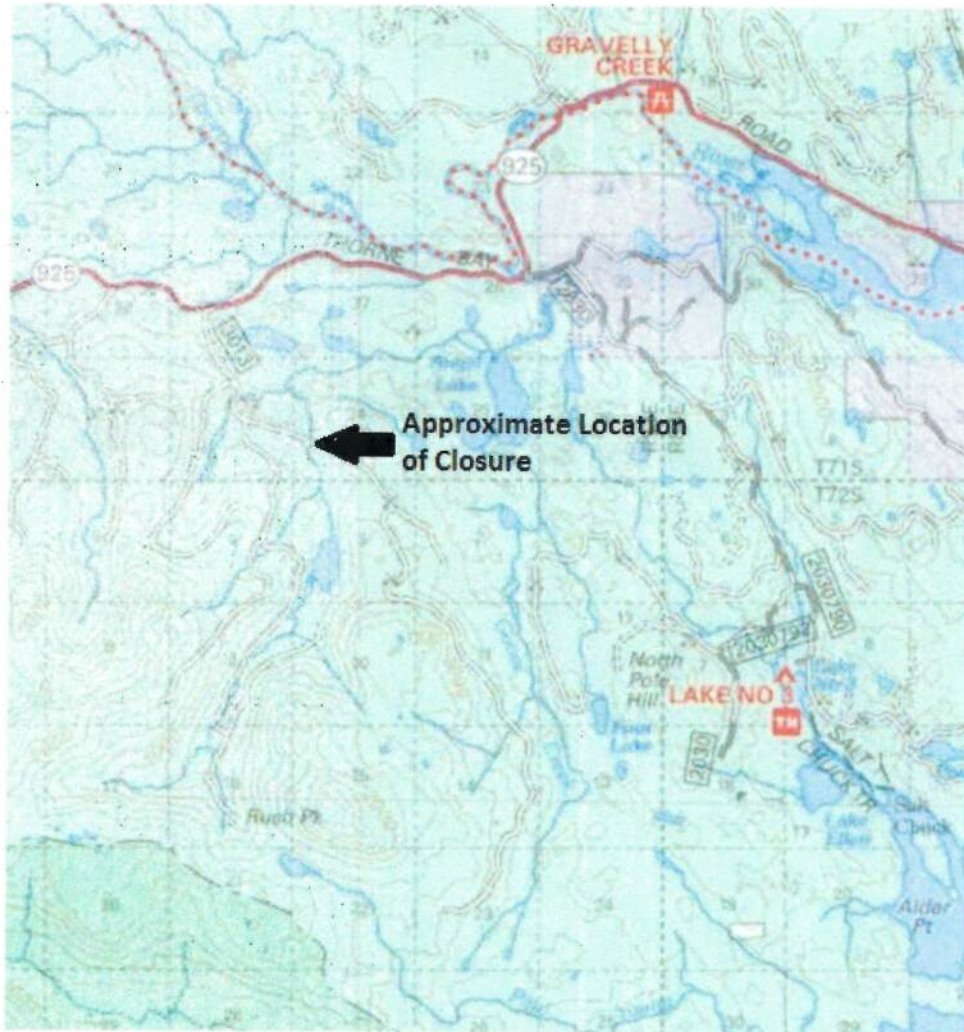


**Earl Stewart**  
Forest Supervisor  
Tongass National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. (**TITLE 16 USC, SECTION 551 AND 18 USC 3559 AND 3571**)

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**Closure Area Map**



The **Rush Creek Bridge** located at mile post 0.63 of the **National Forest System Road 3013150** is closed to Motor Vehicle use, including Off Highway Vehicles (OHV's) and Over Snow Vehicles (OSV's), until further notice due to the condition of the bridge structure. The primary goal of the closure is to prevent personal injury or death resulting from a catastrophic bridge failure.

The **National Forest System Road 3013150** is located approximately six miles southwest of the City of Thorne Bay. Access to the to the **NFS 3013000** road system is located off of State Highway 925.